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## BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**Meeting Date:** July 18, 2008

**Department:** County Manager   **Staff Contact:** Rosanna P. Suazo, Special Projects Coordinator  
Julie Baca, Deputy County Manager, Community Services

**TITLE:** Creation and Management of the Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission

**ACTION:** Motion to approve:

1. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County and the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH) for the County to create and manage an Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission.
2. Administrative Resolution AR -2008 creating the Bernalillo County Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission.
3. Financial Resolution FR -2008 budget increase in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the Bernalillo County Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission.

### SUMMARY:

In 2008 the Legislature of the State of New Mexico enacted the "Bernalillo County Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission Act". The provisions of the Act became effective July 1, 2008. The Act provides for the creation of the Bernalillo County Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission (Commission) and appointment of nine Commission members from appropriate off reservation nonprofit organizations in Bernalillo County.

Upon the creation by the Board of County Commissioners the Commission shall meet at least four times a year and elect its own chair to be paid in accordance with the Per Diem and Mileage Act. The goals of the commission may include: the creation of an off-reservation Native American health care plan, the presentation of a plan for permanent restructuring of state and local budgets and services for off-reservation Native American health care to the legislature along with proposed legislation for that restructuring, and the presentation of recommendations to the Secretary of Health on projects and programs that fall within the parameters of the initial off-reservation Native American health care plan and the permanent restructuring plans as funding becomes available. The NMDOH by Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) shall provide funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 to the County to create and manage the Off-Reservation Native American Health Commission. The MOA contains terms and conditions by which the County shall work within a specific scope. The period of the MOA shall be effective upon approval of both parties and shall terminate on June 30, 2009.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Original MOA
2. Administrative Resolution **AR -2008**
3. Financial Resolutuion **FR -2008**

**FISCAL IMPACT****STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY****COUNTY MANAGER**

The NM department of health will provide funding to the County to create and manage this commission. I recommend Board approval. Thaddeus Lucero, County Manager 7/11/08

**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The creation of the Off Reservation Native American Health Care Commission will address health care, substance abuse, domestic violence and suicide issues as well as transportation services. I recommend Board approval Julie Morgas Baca, Deputy County Manager for Community Services 7/11/08.

**LEGAL**

The proposed actions are authorized by New Mexico law. JSL 7/16/08

**FINANCE****Budget**

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| <b>Purchasing</b>      | No comment required on proposed motion to accept an allocation from NMDOH; however, proper purchasing procedures will be followed for any and all procurements. Colin Spencer, Senior Buyer, 7/15/08 |
| <b>Contracts</b>       | A Contract Control Number will be issued upon receipt of the MOA. Colin Spencer, Senior Buyer, 7/15/08   |
| <b>Risk Management</b> | No comment required. David A. Baca, Risk Management Director, 7/15/08  |